GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF BIO DIESEL
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major bulk of bio-diesel produced in the country is being exported;

(b) if so, details thereof and whether there are any policy stipulations for using bio-diesel by domestic bulk consumers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government is planning for any policy change in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. No bio-diesel has been procured by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the last three years, whereas about 92,000 tonnes bio-diesel has been exported during the same period. The National Policy on Biofuels stipulates that the responsibility of storage, distribution and marketing of biofuels would rest with Oil Marketing Companies. The Biofuel Policy also stipulates that export of biofuels would only be permitted after meeting the domestic requirements. Further, Motor spirit and High Speed Diesel Control Order also stipulates that no person other than dealer or the Oil company shall engage in the business of selling these products.

(d)&(e): A proposal is under consideration to amend the provisions of National Policy on Biofuels and the Motor spirit and High Speed Diesel Control Order to facilitate sale of biodiesel by its manufacturers directly to the bulk consumers like Railways.